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SUBJECT: RED: SEATAC: MANILA/BATANGAS FEASIBILITY STUDY

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1. MORE DETAILED COMMENTS FROM GOP HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED BY MISSION CONCERNING SUBJECT STUDY.

2. BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS (BPW) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNIIATIONS) ASSESSMENT IS THAT REVISED SCOPE OF WORK AT VARIANCE IN TWO RESPECTS WITH ORIGINAL PROPOSAL DISCUSSED BY RED WITH GOP:

A. ORIGINAL PROPOSAL CALLED SIMPLY FOR DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PORT INTO CONTAINER PORT AND BULK TERMINAL WITHIN OVERALL MANILA PORT. REVISED SCOPE INVOLVES PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ENTIRE PORT OF MANILA TO MEET ANTICIPATED VOLUME OVER NEXT 20 YEARS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PORT ORGINIZATION AND MANAGEMENT STRUC-
TURE AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDIES AND DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECT. BPW ALSO POINTS OUT THAT PROPOSED REVISION ALMOST IDENTICAL TO TERMS OF REFERENCE PREPARED BY IBRD FOR STUDY OF PORT OF MANILA WHICH IS BEING OFFERED TO GOP. FURTHERMORE, GERMAN GOV-
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ERNMENT ALSO BEING REQUESTED BY GOP TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSIS-

TANCE IN SAME STUDY.

B. PROPOSED REVISION APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE PORT IN BATANGAS WILL ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN IN EVENT MANILA PORT STUDY SHOWS THAT MANILA PORT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MEET ANTICIPATED VOLUME OVER NEXT 20 YEARS. CONCEPT OF ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELIEVING PORT IN BATANGAS TO ALLEVIATE PRESENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN NORTH HARBOR AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN METROPOLITAN MANILA. IN ADDITION, BATANGAS INTER-ISLAND PORT DEVELOPMENT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY OF DECENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN METROPOLITAN MANILA. BATANGAS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER.

3. GOP COORDINATOR FOR SEATAC AFFAIRS, V. BASCO, INDICATES THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR RED REPRESENTATIVES WITH BPW STAFF IF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON STUDY REQUIRED.

4. COPIES OF BPW COMMENTS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEE POSTS.
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